Decrease in procurement price of sugarcane

†2298. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the ban on export of sugar in the country, the procurement price of sugarcane for farmers have come down from Rs. 150/- per quintal to Rs. 1107- per quintal;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the current sugar season, the farmers are going to suffer huge loss on account of crushing of sugarcane for 280 million tonnes of sugar production; and

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any decision to make any provision for compensation of said loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Government does not fix the procurement price of sugarcane. However, it fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane under Clause 3(1) of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, which is calculated to ensure a remunerative price to the farmers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Guidelines for protection of consumer rights

2299. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated guidelines to protect consumer rights; if so, the details thereof;

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